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## SECTION I (U)

### SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

#### 1. (U) Intelligence:

a. Throughout the reporting period this unit coordinated and received intelligence information from the following units:

- (1) 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division
- (2) 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
- (3) 47th Infantry Regiment, Army Republic of Vietnam
- (4) 28th Republic of Korea Regiment
- (5) 9th Republic of Korea Army Division
- (6) Sector Operations and Intelligence Center, Tuy Hoa
- (7) National Police Headquarters, Tuy Hoa.

b. Intelligence received was used to prepare harassing and interdiction fires on suspected enemy locations and avenues of approach. Weather permitting, aircraft were used daily to conduct registrations.

#### 2. (C) Operations and Training Activities:

##### a. Operations:

(1) During the reporting period the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery (-) participated in the following operations

GROUP-4  
Downgraded at 3 Year Intervals  
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## OPERATION

## DATES

ADAMS  
GERONIMO I  
BAEK MAI

26 October to Present  
31 October to 4 December 1966  
29 January to Present

### (2) Operation ADAMS:

(a) Operation ADAMS commenced on 26 October 1966 and is presently in progress. Concept of operation: One Brigade, 4th Infantry Division with approximately three battalions, in coordination with the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment, conducts search and destroy and rice harvest protection operations in designated area of operation and protect engineer reconnaissance parties conducting survey of Highways 1 and 6B within the area of operation. Mission of the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery is general support.

(b) At the start of this operation Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was located at Tuy Hoa South with the mission of general support. Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery was located at CQ117433 with mission of general support.

(c) On 29 October 1966 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates BQ946425 with the mission of direct support to the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment.

(d) On 31 October 1966 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired a mission in support of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at coordinates BQ948582, suspected VC village with the result of 3 buildings destroyed, 2 buildings damaged.

(e) On 2 November 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery, displaced from Phan Rang on road march to Tuy Hoa South and displaced again on 6 November 1966 to coordinates CQ72716 with mission of general support reinforcing 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(f) On 7 November 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a mission in support of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at coordinates CQ023690 at VC in open which resulted in 4 VC killed in action (estimate).

(g) On 9 November 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery captured 2 VC suspects.

(h) On 102100H November 1966 the perimeter of Battery A (-), 5th Battalion was probed by approximately 5 VC. Battery received small arms fire and 2 grenades. No casualties or equipment damage. At 102225H November 1966 the perimeter of Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery received small arms fire. No casualties or equipment damage.

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(i) On 11 November 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ109465 with the mission of general support reinforcing 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(j) On 150330H November 1966 the perimeter of Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was probed by 4 to 6 VC with automatic fire. Infantry returned fire with the result of 1 VC killed in action (estimated). Evidence was found of 1 VC wounded in action. At 1200 hours Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ133527 with the mission of general support reinforcing 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(k) On 21 November 1966 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ133523. On 1 December 1966 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ071716 with the mission of general support 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, and 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

(l) On 22 November 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a mission in support of 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at coordinates CQ0946481, VC in open which resulted in 3 VC killed in action (estimate).

(m) On 4 December 1966 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ252352 with the mission of direct support to the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment.

(n) On 6 December 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ112676. Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from reinforcing the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery upon termination of Operation GERONIMO I and displaced to coordinates CQ113526 with the mission of general support reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(o) From 7 December thru 15 December 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired 19 will adjust missions for the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division which resulted in 47 VC killed in action (body count), 25 VC killed in action (estimate), and 19 VC wounded in action (body count).

(p) On 15 December 1966 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ09187022 with the mission of direct support to the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment.

(q) On 15 December 1966 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a mission in support of the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment at coordinates CQ059748 at a VC bunker which resulted in a bunker being destroyed.



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(r) On 15 December 1966 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery received 5 mortar rounds. Results: no casualties, 2 hexagonal tents damaged.

(s) On 19 December 1966 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired missions in support of the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment at coordinates CQ124774 and CQ133696 at VC sampans which resulted in 5 VC killed in action (body count), 6 VC killed in action (estimate), 3 VC wounded in action (body count), 6 VC wounded in action (estimate), and 5 enemy sampans destroyed.

(t) On 21 December 1966 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a mission in support of 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at coordinates CQ114517 at VC firing from buildings which resulted in 5 buildings destroyed.

(u) On 21 December 1966 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery fired a mission in support of 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at coordinates BQ51598 at VC dug in which resulted in 1 VC wounded in action (estimate) and 1 building destroyed.

(v) On 22 December 1966 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was airlifted to coordinates CQ81876 with mission of direct support to the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment.

(w) From 23 thru 29 December 1966 Battery B, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired 5 will adjust missions in support of the 47th Army Republic of Vietnam Regiment which resulted in 18 VC killed in action (body count), 20 VC killed in action (estimate), 16 weapons captured, and 1 building destroyed.

(x) On 26 December 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a mission in support of 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at coordinates CQ039635 at 15 VC in open which resulted in 3 VC killed in action (estimate).

(y) On 28 December 1966 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was airlifted to coordinates BQ995561 with mission of general support-reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery. The Battery was again lifted on 17 January 1967 to coordinates BQ914598 with mission of general support reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(z) From 19 thru 23 January 1967 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired 19 will adjust missions for the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division which resulted in 2 VC killed in action (body count), 3 VC killed in action (estimate), 1 VC wounded in action (body count), 8 buildings destroyed, 2 buildings damaged, and 2 cows killed. 1 rifle, 2 pigs, food, electric wire cable, medicine, box with maps, overlays, rubber stamps and official documents were captured.

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(aa) On 23 January 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery was released from Operation ADAMS and displaced to coordinates CQ253353 in preparation for Operation Baek Mai.

(ab) On 25 January 1967 Battery A (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was airlifted to coordinates CQ153526 with the mission of general support reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(ac) On 25 January 1967 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was released from Operation ADAMS and displaced to coordinates CQ253353 in preparation for Operation Baek Mai.

(ad) Extensive harassing and interdiction fires were planned and fired during this period. Total missions fired by type to date are as follows:

Harassing and Interdiction	2,620
Will Adjust	157
Registrations	163
Defensive Concentrations	61
Illumination	36
Preparations	20
Destruction	2
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	20,117

## (ae) Results:

Friendly Losses: None

Enemy Losses:

- 73 VC killed in action (body count)
- 57 VC killed in action (estimate)
- 23 VC wounded in action (body count)
- 1 VC wounded in action (estimate)
- 2 VC suspects captured
- 1 rifle captured
- 16 weapons captured
- 15 buildings destroyed
- 2 buildings damaged
- 5 enemy sampans destroyed
- 1 bunker destroyed
- 1 tunnel destroyed
- Captured 2 pigs, electrical wire cable, medicine, box with maps, overlays, rubber stamp and official documents

## (3) Operation GERONIMO I:

(a) This operation commenced on 31 October 1966 and ended on 4 December 1966. The concept of Operation GERONIMO I provided for the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, in coordination with 2 Army Republic

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of Vietnam battalions, to conduct search and destroy operations within AO to destroy VC/NVA forces. Mission of the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was general support.

(b) On 29 October 1966 Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates BQ944424 with mission of reinforcing the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery and the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

(c) On 5 November 1966, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery was attached to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery with the mission of general support reinforcing the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery and the 101st Airborne Division. Battery located at coordinates BQ881443.

(d) On 25 November 1966, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ194434 with mission of general support reinforcing the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery and the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

(e) On 25 November 1966, Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ194434 with mission of general support reinforcing the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery and the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

(f) On 3 December 1966 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery displaced to coordinates CQ237371 with mission of general support reinforcing the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery and the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

(g) On 042400H December 1966 Operation GERONIMO I terminated.

(h) On 050001H December 1966 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery was detached from the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and attached to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery's mission was changed to general support reinforcing the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery.

(i) Extensive harassing and interdicting fires were planned and fired during the operation period. The following missions by type were fired:

Harassing and Interdicting	632
Registrations	= 24
Illumination	9
Will Adjust	3
Defensive Concentrations	6
Preparations	1
TOTAL POUNDS EXPENDED	2852

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(j) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses None.

(2) Enemy Losses None.

(4) Operation BAEK MAI:

(a) Operation BAEK MAI commenced on 29 January 1967<sup>7</sup> and is presently in progress. This Battalion is currently participating in both Operation ADAMS and Operation BAEK MAI. Concept of Operation BAEK MAI is for the 9th ROK Division to conduct search and destroy operations within AO to destroy VC/NVA forces. Battery C (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery missions are general support reinforcing the 9th ROK Division Artillery.

(b) On 26 January 1967 Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced two M10's and two M107's from base camp via road march to a staging area at Vung Ro Bay. The four artillery pieces (175mm and 8") were loaded the same day on an LCU.

(c) On 27 January 1967 guns from Battery B, 1st Battalion, 18th Artillery departed Vung Ro Bay by LCU for Nha Trang.

(d) On 28 January 1967 Battery C (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates BP987838. Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to coordinates CP020502.

(e) On 29 January, Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery displaced to coordinates BP944565 closing at 0420 hours with the mission of general support reinforcing the 9th ROK Division Artillery. The Battery fired a preparation at 0700 hours for the 9th ROK Division consisting of 60 rounds 8" HE and 42 rounds of 175mm HE.

(f) On 29 January, Battery C (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was airlifted to coordinates BP788678 with mission of general support reinforcing the 9th ROK Division Artillery.

(g) On 30 January, Battery C (-), 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery fired a mission in support of the 9th ROK Division Artillery at coordinates BP84026895, at a suspected VC location which resulted in 21 VC killed in action (body count); captured: 9 rifles, 9 shotguns, 2 submachineguns, 2 pistols, 3 automatic rifles, 1 light machinegun, 15 insect bombs, 43 raincoats, 36 uniforms, 6 tents, and 14 cots.

(h) The following missions by type have been fired to date:

Harassing and Interdicting	39
Registrations	5
Illumination	1



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Will Adjust	1
Preparations	2
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	370

## (1) Results:

(1) Friendly Losses: None.

(2) Enemy Losses: 21 VC killed in action (body count)  
9 rifles captured  
9 shotguns captured  
3 automatic rifles captured  
2 submachineguns captured  
2 pistols captured  
1 light machinegun captured  
15 insect bombs captured  
43 raincoats captured  
36 uniforms captured  
6 tents captured  
14 cots captured

(5) One platoon (two 105mm howitzers) of Battery A, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery was positioned in Nha Trang with the mission of defense of the Nha Trang complex at the start of the reporting period. This platoon was replaced by one platoon (two 105mm howitzers) from Battery C, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery on 20 January 1967. The platoon is attached to the 5th Special Forces Group and has been further attached to Detachment B-50, 5th Special Forces Group. During the reporting period this platoon fired 2068 rounds of ammunition. This platoon also fired 737 harassment and interdiction fires, 6 registrations, 34 service practices, and 7 will-adjust missions for the 5th Special Forces Group. One will-adjust mission resulted in a secondary explosion.

b. Training: During the reporting period the battalion instituted and continued to conduct many programs oriented to increase the efficiency of this command and enhance operational capabilities. A battalion-wide Gunners Test was conducted during the reporting period. The battalion instituted a 2 day orientation program to orient new replacements and to get them familiar with and to zero their individual weapons.

## 3. (C) Logistics:

a. The S-4 Section has initiated a bi-monthly convoy to Cam Ranh Bay to pick up necessary Class II and IV supplies required by this battalion. This was necessitated by the 1st Logistical Command in the Tuy Hoa area having no existing facilities to provide Class II and IV Support to our unit. Establishing our own resupply convoys to CRB and back, is a time consuming and slow process in filling requisitions, but so far this has been the only way to provide sufficient support to all batteries of the battalion. The S-4 Section will continue these resupply convoys

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until the 1st Logistical Command can provide sufficient II and IV Support to the battalion, in the Tuy Hoa area.

b. Maintenance: A review of the maintenance operations reveals a problem area in shortage of vehicles and equipment. The shortage of parts has been reduced through resupply. Parts are now being received in good quantities although some shortages still exist. Consolidation of the PLL at the battalion level has increased the number of line items authorized. There are twelve 2½ ton trucks and one 5 ton truck on requisition. Nine of the 2½ ton trucks are replacements for M35 trucks on hand. The remainder are replacements for salvaged vehicles. Shortage of tools and maintenance shelters further hinder maintenance operations.

4. (U) CIVIL AFFAIRS: The civic action program within the battalion continues to give medical aid to the Dong Tac refugee village. The battalion surgeon has treated 445 people for various ailments within the reporting period.

## 5. (C) PERSONNEL:

a. This unit's personnel status has experienced marked improvement since the previous reporting period. Although some shortages still exist, sufficient replacements have been received during the month of January to offset most critical shortages. In addition, the number of personnel with a 13A10 MOS exceeded the current need and thereby allowed retraining through OJT for utilization in other short MOS's. Some of the better qualified 13A10 individuals are being retrained as fire direction personnel to fill a critical need for these skills. Notwithstanding the current rate of personnel replacements, the following areas remain deficient:

MOS	AUTHORIZED	ASSIGNED	SHORT	ANTICIPATED SHORTAGE BY FEBRUARY
13B40	67	61	6	24
13E40	6	2	4	
31G40	14	8	6	8
36K20	56	40	16	20
82C20	23	11	12	14

The personnel assistance received from Headquarters, I FFORCEV and I FFORCEV ARTY has been encouraging and resulted in the favorable personnel outlook depicted above.

b. On 13 January 1967, the USARV Personnel Management Team visited the battalion for the purpose of inspecting the Personnel Section in the following categories:

ADVANCED OVERSEAS RETURNEES  
OFFICER AND ENLISTED MEN  
PERSONNEL UTILIZATION  
OFFICER EFFICIENCY REPORTS  
PERSONNEL REQUISITIONS

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The results of this inspection revealed no major deficiencies. The overall rating given the Personnel Section was "outstanding". The team also noted critical personnel shortages with an aim toward filling needed categories. The team was very helpful in providing needed information and assuring that current regulations and directives were on hand or on order.

c. The morale of the troops remains high.

## 6 (C) Signal:

During the reporting period, an important change in the 4th echelon supporting element has become effective. This battalion is currently supported by the 578th Signal Company and the results have been promising. The 578th Signal Company has a more adequate repair parts stockage and can therefore be more responsive to the signal demands placed on it by this battalion. The primary problem encountered during this changeover involved the physical transfer of inoperative items from the 128th to the 578th or effecting the recovery of these items which have been in the 128th for an excessive period of time. Currently, the following items remain in a repair category with the 128th Signal Company:

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## SECTION II

### COMMANDER'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### PART I

#### OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED)

##### 7. (c) Operations:

a. ITEM: US Artillery support of airmobile operations conducted by Allied Forces.

DISCUSSION: Recently this battalion has participated in airmobile operations where the major maneuver elements have been Republic of Korea and Republic of Vietnam forces. These airmobile operations have been conducted in widely separated areas, but the lessons learned from the supporting US Artillery standpoint is the same. Difficulties due to a language barrier in air to ground coordination can be largely overcome through the initiative of the US Artillery unit. In both cases a US battery participated in Airmobile operations with an Allied force. In the first instance a US battery operated in a direct support role for an ARVN Infantry Regiment in an airmobile operation in the vicinity of SONG CAU. In the second operation another battery of the battalion was airlifted and co-located with a ROK battery during operation BAIK MAI conducted by the 9th ROK Infantry Division in the vicinity of NHA TRANG.

OBSERVATION: The successful conduct of airmobile operations depends upon complete prior planning and effective air to ground communications. US Artillery units participating with Allied Forces should recognize potential difficulties likely to be encountered where language differences exist. Therefore, the US Artillery unit should participate in all prior planning conferences and offer to provide language assistance with individuals knowledgeable in airlift techniques to guide helicopters and coordinate individual lifts. It was primarily because of these contributions by the supporting US Artillery that the two airmobile operations discussed above were carried out with minimum difficulties.

b. ITEM: Care must be taken to assure that artillery units should not be located at altitudes above 1000 feet in the TUY HOA area during the monsoon season.

DISCUSSION: In the TUY HOA area during the monsoon season the cloud cover varies from 1000 feet to over 1200 feet. When batteries are located at these altitudes dense fog obscures the battery position to the point that aiming posts can only be seen intermittently during the day and not at all during the night. In such instances the artillery can not perform its mission of fire support. In the event that such a position must be occupied collimators should be acquired and used.

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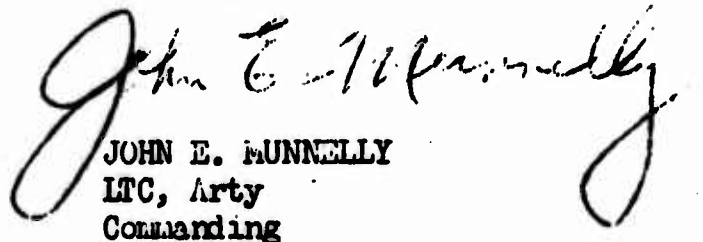
OBSERVATION: Greater use of meteorological data should be used in the positioning of artillery units during the monsoon season. In the event that it is necessary to locate artillery at altitudes likely to be obscured by fog, planning should anticipate the need for special equipment.

## PART 2

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 8. (c) Logistics:

Recommend that a full Class II and IV capability be established in the Tuy Hoa Sub-Area Command to obviate the necessity for the battalion to send convoys to the depot at Cam Ranh Bay for supplies.

  
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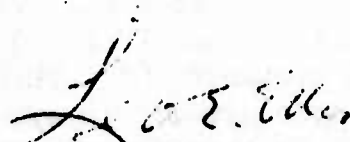
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1. (U) Concur with observations and recommendation contained in  
basic communication.

2. (C) The following additional comment is submitted:

Lack of adequate Class II and IV support of units in the TUY  
HOA area continues to be a problem. Maximum effort should be exerted  
by USASC, CAM HANH BAY, to establish adequate support facilities in the  
TUY HOA area.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



LEO E. ELLIS  
LTC, Arty  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, APO 96307

1. (U) Concur with the contents of the Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending 31 January 1967 of 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery and the preceding indorsement with following comments.

2. (C) Reference Section I - Significant Activities.

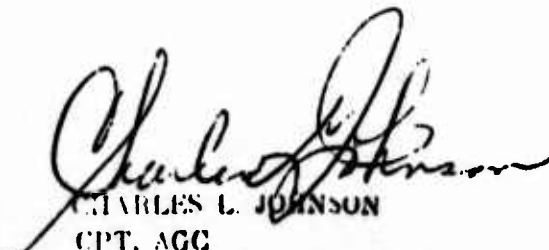
a. Reference paragraphs 2a (2)(j), 2a (2)(o), 2a (2)(s), and 2a (2)(z): Statistics of enemy personnel wounded in action are based on reports from supported units which indicated enemy prisoners wounded by artillery.

b. Reference paragraph 3a: USASC Cam Ranh Bay was queried as to whether a class II and IV facility was planned for the Tuy Hoa area. USASC indicated that direct exchange and self service store facilities for class II and IV supplies are scheduled for completion during the third quarter FY 67. This will supplement the Engineer material supply point already in operation at Tuy Hoa. Major and controlled items will be issued at Cam Ranh Bay through supply point distribution, because of the relatively low demand being generated by supported units to date.

c. Reference paragraph 5: An MOS shortage report as of 13 February 1967 indicated six 82C20 positions were vacant. All other MOS shortages have been filled.

3. (C) Reference Section II, Part II - Recommendation: The scheduled opening of direct exchange and self service store facilities will upgrade the class II and IV support available at Tuy Hoa to an equal status with other sub-areas in II CTZ.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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CPT, AGC  
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31 January 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 5 APR 1967

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT  
APO 96558

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 January 1967 from Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery as indorsed.

2. (C) Pertinent comments as follows:

a. Reference Paragraph 3a, Section I, Page 8, concerning Class II and IV supplies; and Paragraph 8, Part 2, Section II, Page 12: Facilities to be constructed as described in Paragraphs 2b and 3, 2d Indorsement, should resolve this problem.

b. Reference Paragraph 3b, Section I, Page 9, concerning Shortages of Tools, Trucks, and Maintenance Shelters: Tool/shop sets and kits, as well as individual components, are presently in short supply throughout this command. Information from AMC reveals that abnormal delays are being encountered in filling RVN demands for the majority of the common tool kits. RVN receipt of individual components is improving, but numerous shortages still exist. Continuous follow-up emphasis has been brought to bear on this problem area. Most trucks are arriving at an increasing rate which should fill TOE vacancies; however, out-of-country depots have not yet issued M35A2 trucks to replace M35 trucks. Five-ton cargo trucks are still in short supply throughout RVN. Maintenance shelters were, at the time the unit's report was submitted, at zero balance in RVN. A substantial quantity is now scheduled to arrive in-country soon.

c. Reference Paragraph 5a, Section I, Page 9, concerning Enlisted Personnel Shortages, as modified by Paragraph 2c, 2d Indorsement: The shortage of personnel with MOS 82C (artillery surveyor) exists command wide. Requisitions have been submitted to cover all projected vacancies.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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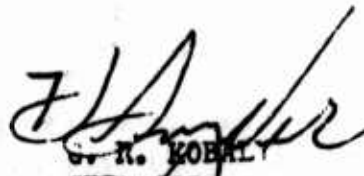
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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 28 APR 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the  
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

1. (U) This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.
2. (C) Reference paragraph 2c, 3d Indorsement. A review of DPU data as of 31 March 1967 indicates the personnel situation is now favorable with 1102 personnel assigned with MOS 82c (Artillery Surveyor) as compared to authorization of 1104.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

  
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